

champions, the Lightning, in an exciting six-game series. The Avalanche took an early 2–0 lead in the series after notching wins in Games 1 and 2. Then, after suffering a loss in Game 3, a nail-biting overtime win in Game 4, and another loss in Game 5, the Avalanche emerged as victors in a well-played and hard-fought Game 6.

Truly, the credit for this team's incredible victory goes to the combined talent, drive, and sacrifice made by each player and member of the coaching staff and management. The immense skill and leadership demonstrated by this special group of players and coaches, both on and off the ice, is extraordinary.

On behalf of Avalanche fans everywhere, especially those in our home state of Colorado, we are incredibly proud to celebrate this team's tremendous victory; to have the Stanley Cup back in Colorado—exactly where it belongs; and to cheer on the nation's best hockey team to even more victories in the future: Go Avs Go.

RECOGNIZING THE 165TH ANNIVERSARY OF "THE OLD CATHEDRAL," SS. PETER & PAUL CATHOLIC CHURCH, IN ALTON, ILLINOIS

HON. MIKE BOST

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 1, 2022

Mr. BOST. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 165th anniversary of "The Old Cathedral," SS. Peter & Paul Catholic Church, in Alton, Illinois. The church, completed in 1857, remains a beautiful example of Gothic architecture in the Metro East region. On January 9, 1857, the Diocese Episcopal See was transferred to Alton from Quincy, and the Most Reverend Henry Damien Junker became Alton's first bishop. The Most Reverend Peter Baltes succeeded him in 1870, followed by the third and final Bishop of Alton, the Most Reverend James Ryan, in 1886. Below the church are the tombs of the first two bishops of the Diocese of Alton. During its life as the Diocese Cathedral, our country was torn apart at the seams by Civil War, was reunited, and then grew into a global power. We celebrated the St. Louis World's Fair, saw our dirt roads paved over, and had our lives changed by revolutionary inventions. In 2015, the SS. Peter & Paul Parish had a beautiful carillon installed in the bell tower to beckon all to come and worship. Madam Speaker, please join me in recognizing the 165th anniversary of "The Old Cathedral," SS. Peter & Paul Catholic Church, and celebrating its many contributions to Alton and the surrounding communities.

KEIRA NICOLE LIPP

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 1, 2022

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Keira Nicole Lipp for achieving the new world record for youngest person to ski on all seven continents.

Keira first learned to ski in her home state of Colorado at just two years old. She began

exploring the slopes of the Rocky Mountains and then went on to ski in Italy (Europe), Australia, South Korea (Asia), Morocco (Africa), and Antarctica. To prepare for the toughest continent in the world, Antarctica, Keira needed to ski at an expert-level and be comfortable skiing backcountry. She skied two different sides of a nunatak in Antarctica on February 1, 2022. And with her father and brother by her side, Keira conquered the snowy slopes of Portillo, Chile, skiing her 7th continent at just ten years old and breaking the world record—a tremendous and inspiring feat!

As a courageous elementary school student from Golden, Colorado, Keira has shown immense perseverance and determination. She has put in countless hours of training even in the summer months when ski resorts were closed, skiing small glaciers and permanent snowfields.

She is now currently working on her next goal of becoming a better skier than her father while she is still a kid. I cannot wait to see all of her future accomplishments and I wish her all the best.

IN HONOR OF THE LIFE OF MR.
SEAN SANFORD SIMS

HON. DEBBIE DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 1, 2022

Mrs. DINGELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of the life of Sean Sanford Sims who passed away on June 19, 2022. His honorable service to our country, the state of Michigan, and to our local community is worthy of commendation.

Mr. Sims was born on December 28, 1970, to Shirley Ann and Walter Sims of Detroit, Michigan. He was the brother of Willie Erwin. In 1989, after graduating from Chadsey High School, he heard the call of his Nation and enlisted in the United States Marine Corps. During his time of military duty, he courageously served in the Persian Gulf and Desert Storm Wars, rising to the rank of Lance Corporal at the time of his honorable discharge. After completing his military service, he returned home and went on to receive his higher education degrees, earning a bachelor's degree in Sociology and a master's degree in Social Work, both from Wayne State University.

A dedicated member of his community, Mr. Sims was employed by the State of Michigan after his time in the military. Since 2000, he worked as a Veteran Career Advisor within the Department of Labor and Economic Opportunity at Michigan Works! in Ypsilanti. Throughout his career, he touched the lives of many, changing their path for good. He provided training, counseling, and case management to Michigan veterans in Washtenaw County and from around southeast Michigan.

Mr. Sims was a reliable, kind man that cared deeply about his friends and family. He enjoyed meeting and talking to all kinds of people, was committed to public service, and always made sure to make time for those he cared about. Mr. Sims enjoyed the little things in life and always finding something to laugh about. He resided in Ann Arbor and was a father figure to those who knew him, including Patrick.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the life of Mr. Sean Sanford

Sims. He was a dedicated veteran, a true public servant, and most importantly—a friend to all. He will be deeply missed, and our thoughts are with his family and friends at this time.

HONORING MATTHEW SMITH

HON. DONALD S. BEYER, JR.

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 1, 2022

Mr. BEYER. Madam Speaker, I am pleased to rise today, and I ask my Colleagues to join me in paying tribute to Matthew Smith for more than 35 years of dedicated service to the United States House of Representatives.

Mr. Smith began his service with the Office of the Clerk in December 1986 as an Office Supply Clerk where he served in that position for 2 years. Matthew was subsequently promoted to the Records and Registration section, still within the Clerk's organization, where for the next 5 years he served in three different capacities which included the following positions, Processing Clerk, Microfilmer Clerk and Data Processing Clerk.

In July of 1995, Matthew transitioned to the Clerk's Legislative Resource Center where he served as General Clerk, an Assistant Registration and Compliance Clerk, and in his most recent capacity, as a Public Information Specialist, where he has served for the last 19 years. In his current position, Matthew provides excellent customer service to those patrons who visit and call requesting documents. Matthew is the longest tenured employee in the Clerk's House Document Room where he serves in the capacity as Public Information Specialist. Matthew's institutional knowledge is an important asset to the House Document Room team. Matt has become the resident expert on all House Document Room equipment, including the high production printer and Digibinder. Over the years, Matt's patience and outgoing demeanor have assisted in molding him into an excellent coach to the new employees on all relevant processes; and Matt has helped considerably by drafting and sharing step-by-step instructions on many of these processes.

Matthew is a dedicated husband and father. He frequently speaks fondly of his daughter who is the joy of his life. Matthew is very passionate about his own physical fitness, and he enjoys playing basketball; and over the years, Matthew has participated in several marathons.

Madam Speaker, I am pleased for this opportunity to acknowledge Matthew Smith for his outstanding service to the United States House of Representatives.

CELEBRATING THE 30TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE GIANT NATIONAL CAPITAL BARBECUE BATTLE

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 1, 2022

Ms. NORTON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to ask the House of Representatives to join me in celebrating the 30th anniversary of the Giant National Capital Barbecue Battle.